by the provisions of the Technology Development Board Act, 1995. Government value the participation of non-official members on the Board.

[Translation]

Urban Development

3852. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the amount utilised for urban development out of the amount allocated by the Union Government during 1996-97;

(b) the amount spent on the sanitation in slum in the urban areas out of it; and

(c) the amount being provided for urban development during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The amounts released for urban development projects out of the amounts allocated by the Union Government during 1996-97 (as on date) are given in the attached statement. Utilisation certificates for the amounts released this year will be due next year only.

(b) Urban development is a State subject and funds for sanitation are provided by respective State Governments and Municipalities. Out of the programmes supported by the Government of India, the Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) Scheme aims at improving sanitary conditions, particularly in slums. The amount released under LCS during 1996-97 is shown in Annexure. Data on the amounts spent under LCS on sanitation in slums are not maintained at the Government of India level and are not available.

(c) It is not possible to indicate the amount being provided for urban development during the 9th Plan at this juncture in the absence of the firming of the 9th Plan for the Urban Sector.

Statement

Allocations Provided and Releases Made for Urban Development Projects (1996-97)

Name of Scheme	Allocation (1996-97)	Released so far
1. Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns	Rs. 28.26 Crores	Rs. 15.76 Crores
2. Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme	Rs. 20 Crores	Rs. 20 Crores
3. Low Cost Sanitation	Rs. 13.80 Crores	Rs. 13.80 Crores

[English]

Supply of Petrol

3853. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the demand and supply of petrol, diesel in the country at present and the component of indigenous production;

(b) the amount spent for importing the same during 1996-97; and

(c) the subsidy component for the customers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) For the year 1996-97, the estimated demand of petrol and diesel in country is 5.18 MMT and 35.55 MMT respectively. The indigenous productions of petrol and diesel for 1996-97 is assessed at 4.52 MMT and 22.07 MMT respectively.

(b) During 1996-97 (April to December, 1996) an amount of Rs. 152 crores and Rs. 7179 crores has been spent on import of petrol and diesel respectively.

(c) Subsidy on petroleum products is met through Oil Pool Account Mechanism by way of cross subsidisation of the products whose prices are fixed above their cost of production. During 1996-97 the subsidy on Diesel is estimated to go up to Rs. 8340 crores. There is no subsidy on petrol.

Levying of Tax

3854. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to levy tax on sale of houses and flats by the builders and property/estate dealers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) No

such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

Development of Villages

3855. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has developed a current model for Andhra Pradesh Village Development;

(b) if so, whether under this programme six lakh students have been sent to villages in the State from January 1, 1997 for a week long programme;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to provide funds for implementation of this scheme;

(d) if so, whether such schemes are also being implemented in the countries like China, Malaysia and Indonesia; and

(e) the extent to which the Union Government have provided aid and the extent to which these schemes have helped in developing the villages ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ambedkar Housing Scheme

3856. SHRI SIBU SOREN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people allotted houses under Ambedkar Housing Scheme during 1989;

(b) the time by which all the registered persons likely to be allotted houses;

(c) the rate fixed by the DDA for MIG, LIG and Janta Flats;

(d) whether the total income of registered persons has been considered for fixing the price of flats; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The DDA has reported that 7439 registrants under the Ambedkar Awas Yojana have been allotted flats upto 28.2.97.

(b) Due to constraints in the availability of land and infrastructural services, which are providing by other agencies, it is not possible to fix an exact time schedule.

(c) The present cost of different categories of flats is as under :

Jnata	-	Rs. 1.50 to 1.75 lacs
LIG	-	Rs. 3.50 to 4.00 lacs
MIG	-	Rs. 5.50 to 6.50 lacs

(d) and (e) The Costing of DDA flats is done on the principle of no profit no loss basis and the income of the registered persons is not taken into consideration while determining the cost. However, while fixing the cost of Janta and LIG flats, the subsidies are provided in the following manner :-

(i) Liability on account of land component of Janta and Lower Income Group flats is brought down through cross-subsidization.

(ii) Over head charges are computed at a lower rates for Janta flats.

Employment

3857. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed to create job opportunities under the new economic policy during the last three years;

(b) the number of job opportunities created during the above period;

(c) whether the target fixed in this regard was achieved during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) No specific target was fixed to create job opportunities under the new economic policy during the last three years. According to the latest comprehensive survey of employment and unemployment conducted by the NSSO during 1993-94, the estimated number of unemployed persons in the country as per Usual Principal Status was 9 million.

Assessment on Housing Need

3858. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any fresh assessment on the housing need of the rural people in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide houses to each and every citizen in the country;

(c) the schemes drawn up for providing dwelling units to the poor families of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled